Closure of Oil Co-ordination Committee

3209. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been decided to close down the Oil Co-ordination Committee as consequence of APM dismantling;

(b) if so, the number of officers and staff likely to become surplus and of those proposed to be absorbed;

(c) whether there will be corresponding reduction in the strength in oil companies if they are reverted back to their parent cadre public sector oil companies; and

(d) if not, the reasons for increasing the number and expenditure of public sector oil companies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. The Oil Co-ordination Committee (OCC) stands dissolved from 1st April, 2002.

(b) to (d) The employees of the OCC were on deputation from different organisations including public sector oil companies. Since the employees of the oil companies in the OCC were against the sanctioned strength of these companies, their repatriation is not likely to cause any problem to the companies.

CNG fire cases

3210. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of incidents of the vehicles run by CNG catching fire have increased over the months;

(b) if so, the details of mishaps in CNG run vehicles during the last one year;

(c) whether Government have carried out any study or evalution on the causes for mishaps in CNG vehicles?